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SUBJ: NARCOTICS ACTION CONTROL PLAN: ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL POSITION

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B. RANGOON 1963

1. IT WAS ALWAYS EMBASSY'S INTENT TO USE ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL POSITION IN SUPPORT OF MR. MCGIVERN AND THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN BURMA. REF B CONFIRMED THIS INTENT. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTAND STATEMENT IN REF A THAT THIS "APPARENTLY IS NOT THE CASE."

2. SECRETARIAL POSITION AND NARCOTICS OFFICER POSITION WERE BOTH REQUESTED IN FUNDING DATA FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN FORWARDED IN RANGOON 0364, FEBRUARY 9, 1973 AND RANGOON 1933 AUGUST 20, 1973. SINCE DEPARTMENT APPROVED PLAN (STATE 065218), EMBASSY NATURALLY ASSUMED THAT WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF NARCOTICS OFFICER POSITION AND ARRIVAL OF MCGIVERN TO STAFF THAT POSITION, ESTABLISHMENT OF SECRETARIAL POSITION WOULD ALSO BE FORTHCOMING. JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL POSITION BASED ON ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD CREATED BY EXPANDED NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES HERE WHICH RESULTED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF MCGIVERN'S POSITION. FSS SECRETARY IN POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SECTION NOW DOING WORK FOR THREE FSO'S IS ALREADY HARD PRESSED TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR WORKLOAD.

3. FYI, FSO WILLIAM M. OWEN, CHIEF OF SECTION, REMAINS EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. AS NARCOTICS OFFICER, MCGIVERN IS WORKING
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FULL-TIME ON NARCOTICS MATTERS UNDER OWEN'S SUPERVISION.

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